A New Year's Song. what kind of a year it will be; warry and ponder for fear I shall see A lack of this comfort and joility;
But we welcome the year
With a soul-stirring cheer;
For a year is a matter of months and days;

His footialls of velvet cross over the green, Leaving death in his path to show where he has been; But I shike off the tear

As I welcome the year, The year that is dead I think did his best.

And brought many joys to my home and While an unspoken fear Greets the incoming your,

Then hurran for the year

But he brings something new when he com

And we make Father Time do our work while -ago.

So we greet the New Year

With a smile and a cheer,

of her disappointment when it was discovered that a thousand dollars in gold pieces represented all tis hoarded wealth; with the exception of the cranberry swamp, upon whose dreary property by the terms of the will was to be divided between his two nieces. Judith Grey and Maria Pytchley, as they themselves might agree "This take the ready money," said Mrs. Pytchley, hastily. "What could I do with three or four miles of pranberry swamp?"

"Or what could Judith do with it, either?" said Hobart Prytchley, who sat whittling beside the fire.

"I dare say she could manage vary nicely," said Maria. "Fve heard Uncle Miles say that he sold sixty dollars worth of cranoerries one year out of that swamp."

"Humph!" grunted Mr. Pytchley.
"And that's legal interest on a though the say was placed to Mrs. Marmaduke Redfield's account in the nearest national bank, and Mrs. Pytchley thinks she has made a mistake in taking the gold eagles instead of the cranberry swamp—but young Doctor Dedling thinks his mistake was greater still.

"And that's legal interest on a thou-s'ind dollars, you know," added his life. "What do you say, Judith?" "It makes no difference to me," said

A writer upon postoffice matters in the child delphia Press says some of the blind letters are very curious. The following are samples:

"It does to me then!" said Mrs. Fytchley. Because, as you know very vell, Hobart's business is in the city, and we can do nothing at all with a lot of swampy land, down here in the backwoods.

So Mrs. Pytchley had taken the light's share of the old man's bequest, and gone back to her city home, over Hobart's grocery store; and young Doctor Fedling who had confidently calculated on at least five hundred dollars, to buy surgical instruments and fit up an office is the village adjoining—five hundred dollars, to buy surgical instruments and fit up an office is the village adjoining—five hundred dollars, to buy surgical instruments and fit up an office is the village adjoining—five hundred dollars, to buy surgical instruments and fit up an office is the one he ought to have written. Orctaved Canady P. O. office for Margaret Kennedy is perhaps meant for Ontario, but it is safer to send the letter to the dead letter office than to try.

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Many of the terms of language are equivocal. They have two meanings, so that the reader is in doubt as to the mindor intention of the writer.

Those who draft statutes know how difficult it is to frame a law which shall be free from ambiguous expressions or equivocal terms. Judge Story once told a personal incident, which illustrates this difficulty.

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means for Office 10 details of the should have so deliberately fining her fortune away.

"A set of harpies" cried he, with disgust.

"Stop, Doctor Dedling!" said Judith.
o'cloring up. "You forget that you are speaking of my sister and her husbad."

"But they had no business to impose on you thus," exclaimed the doctor impatiently.

"I agreed to the plan, without remonstrances."

To her Magusty

"In that," said he, sharply, "you shoulders!

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"In that," said he, sharply, "you showed your lack of common sense. If you had no regard for yourself, you had no regard to the ableat

The Crarb rry Swamp.

The Was always a pretentious sort of fellow, all for outward show, with a heart like a stone, and a nature as shallow as Deacon Doler's brook!"

Judith looked up at the clumsy, goodhearted, hard-handed farmer, and wondered that she never before noticed what a true face, and what clear, frank representations out of the course, it is a shallow as Deacon motioning toward the opposite cabin; they will be glad to drop Mason and Sildel like a hot potato." But the minister insisted, and the admiral population of the possible results and the admiral population of the possible results and the possible results and the population of the population of the population of the population of the population o

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the britter, with the wintry air, the frosty influence
"I may see well go in and warm myself," be thought.
Walk in, doctor—walk in!" said he.
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A YEAR'S EVENTS.

in France, Spain and Haly.

MARCH.—1. President Hayes vetoes the Chinese immigration bill....2. Great fire in Reno. New...3. Reports of Potter committee published....4. The Forty-afth Congress adjourns and the President issues a proclamation for extra session of Forty-sixth Congress...5. Close of the Vander-bilt will case in New York....9. Six persons killed at a fire in East St. Louis. Ill Beginning of international six days' walking match in New York....12. The town of Szegedin, Hangary, destroyed by a flood. Twelve persons injured by the fall of a gallery during a walking match in New York....13. Marriage of Princes Arthur, Queen Victoria's third can, to Princess Louise Margaret, of Prussa. Arrival of Bayard Taylor's remains in New York....15. Rowell wins international walking match in New York.....16. Opening of special session of Forty-sixth Congress....19. Forty-seven lives lost by the loundering of a French iron-slad off coast of France....20. Several New Orlams banks suspend payments....24
Rey T. DeWitt Talmage's trial for deceit and talsebood begun before the Brooklyn President.

Within the life of a young man just entering seriously upon a business career, the population of the nation has been doubled. In three years its increase will exceed the numbers who dared a war for political independence. The farm lands in 1870 exceeded 400,000,000 acres. They must approximate 500,000,000 acres now, or to suit the views of the moderate, say 450,000,000. We are in the habit of calling them, in the effusiveness of apread eagleism, "unlimited," yet 1,000,000,000 would come near exhausting the surface suited to general operations of agriculture. The total area of thirty-eight States is about 1,342,000,000, including that occupied by towns, roads and various wastes and waters, and including all Territories, except Alaska, the total is about 1,942,000,000.

Explorers and official surveyors assure us that 700,000,000 to 600,000,000 are either arid wastes, useless to agriculture, or only to be utilized in part in pasturage, more or less scant. Nor is there water enough to reclaim more than a fraction of this territory by irrigation. It is true that practical men believe that the proper use of water will render these irrigated soils mora tractable, annually requiring less applied moisture to produce a crop, and that the storing of surplus water in spring in artificial reservoirs will increase the supply; still, a large supply of the Rocky mountain areas must ever go unwatered.

When 48,000,000 of people become

A Look Ahead at Our Farm Lands.

PROMINENT DEATHS.

JANUARY.—1. Judge Charles T. She brother of Secretary and General Shee Cleveland; Ohio; 67....2. Caleb Cur prominent American lawyer and politic Newburgport, Mane; 79...4. June casi, would-be assessin of Spanish executed in Madrid; 22...6. Morton Michael, ex-mayor of Philadelphia and liaher of the North American; Philadelphia and liaher of the North American; Philadelphia (2;...8. Julian Hartridge, Congression Georgia; Washington, D. C.; 46. 10. Gustave Schleicher, Congressionan Texas; Washington; 56;.....12. Com dore John Guest, U.S. navy; Porthamo N.H.; 57....20. John Blair Scribner, 10. Well-known publishing house; 10.

Von Roon, German minister of war; Berin;
76.

MAPCH.—3. William Howitt, well-known
English author; Rome, Italy; 87...6.
Elihn Berritt, "the learned blacksmith;"
New Britain, Conn.; 69...9. Rev. John
Weiss, note t lecturer and essayist; Boston,
Mast.; 61....16. Major-General T. W.
Sherman, United States army; Newport,
R. I.; 66...17. Ex-United States Senstor
George Goldthwalte: Montgomery, Ala.; 60...26. John M. Kiliott, chief justice Kentacky court of appeals; Frankfort, Ky.; 59...29. H. Y. Riddle, member of 45:h Congress, Lebanon, Tenn.; 55.

APRIL.—3. Judge James A. Stewart, of the Marylind court of appeals; Cambridge, Md.; 71...4. Madam Patt rson-Bonaparte, wife of the brother of the first Napoleon; Baltimore, Md.; 94...5. Prot Henry William Dove, celebrated meteorologist and writer; Berlin, Germany; 76...12. Lieutenat-General Richard Taylor, Confederate army; New York; 53...21. Major-General John A. Dix, ex-Governor, ex-United tenant-General Richard Taylor, Confections army; New York; 53....21. Major-General John A. Dix, ex-Governor, ex-United States Senator, etc.; New York; 81...25. Bishop Edward R. Ames, of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Baltimore, Md.: 73....30. Rush Clark, Congressman from Iowa; Washin ton; — Clinton L. Cobb, ex-Congressman; Elizabeth City, N. C.; 36.

MAY.—1. Mrs. Sarah J. B. Hale, for more than fifty years editor of Gotey's Lady's Book; Philadelphia; 90....5. Dr. Isase Butt, M. P. and leader of the Irish Home Rulers; Dublin; 63....15. Jacob Staempfii, well known Swiss politician and member of the Geneva Court of Arbitration on Alabama claims; Berne, Switzerland; 59....17. Rear Admiral Sylvanus W. Gordos, on retired list United States navy; Blois, France. Judge Ass Packer, president Lehigh Valley railroad and richest men in Pennsylvania; Philadelphia; 72....24.

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William Link Philadelphia; 72....24. NOVEMBER.—2. Five men killed by explosion of fire camp in a colliery near Scranton, Pa...4. Hections in a number of States.
...5. Obsequies of General Hooker in New York, and of Senator Chandler in Detsoit.
...7. Steamer Champion sunk by the ship Lady Octavia, near Cape Hentopen, and thirty lives lost...8. Three lives lost and damage exceeding \$100,000 done by breaking of a train through the iron bridge over the Missouri at St. Charles, Mo. Several persons killed by the fall of a cracker factory in Kansas City, Mo... 10. A party of fity white men from New Mexico, attacked by Indians in Mexico and thirty-two killed.

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DECKMBER.—1. Opening of the regular session of Forty-sixth Congress... 2. Attempt to kill the Car of Russia while on his way to Moscow... 3. Benques to Cliver Wendell Holmes in Beston in honor of his seventisth bithday... 3. Deening of the international dairy that in New York... 12. News received of great floods in Transylvania and thungary. Destruction by fire et Red Rock, Pa... 15. Twelve miners killed and eight injured by an explosion in a salt mine in Wartemburg, Germany... 16. Great welcome to General Grant in Philadelphia.

Marid of King Alibnouries of Pevin and Bolivis.

19. Details reserved of heavy battle between Chilians and allied torces of Pevin and Bolivis.

20. Hook Ahead at Our Farm Lands.

polis, Ind.; 57....25. Albert Weber, leading New York; 18.

JULY. 11. William Allen, ex-Governor of Ohio; Chillicothe, Ohio; 73....18. Major General William F. Barry, commander of Fort McHenry; Baltimore, Md.; 61....28. Baron Frederick You Gerolt, priy councilie to the Emperor of Germany and ex-minister to the United States; Bonn, Germany; 50....29. Bland Ballard, district judge of the United States Court of Kentucky; Louisville, Ky.; 60.

AUGUST.—Charles Fechter, famous actor, Raisland Contre, Pa.; 54. Infanta Maria del Pilar, sister of the Spanish king; Spain; 18....25. Hon. John C. Ten Eyok, ex-United States Senator from New Jorsey; Mount Holly, N. J.; 65....27. Sir Rowland Hill, originator of the cheep postage system; England; 84....30. General J. B. Hood, Contederate army, New Orleans; 48.

SEPTEMBER.—7. Wm. M. Hunt, emisent American artist; Iale of Shools, Ms.; 55..... Count Amadee de Noe, known as "Cham," the celebrated French estricaturist; Paris; 60..... 14. Soleiman Paola, prominent Turkish general; Bagdad; 29..... 16 Bernhardt Cotta, eminent German geologiet; Germany; 85..... 18. Danied Draw, well known New York mancier; New York; 82..... 20. Rev. Joseph P. Thompson, noted American disting Berlin, Germany; 50..... 23. Francis Gillette, ex-

derful in budding and ble sooming. It may seem abourd to talk of scaroity of the may seem abourd to talk of scaroity of the high order. Scaroity of the progrees of twenty years with that of two hundred previous, and then looking ahead not more than fifty, the prospects to be his favorite, and we are assured that few musical powers of the judge ahead not more than fifty, the prospect of a not distant "boom" in agricultural land values. "New York of the following incident which coccurred the following incident which occurred the following incident which of the following incident which occurred the

The quivering snow-flakes thickly fall, And cover with a velvet pall The russet sward of mead and moor; And standing at his cottage door,

The laborer thinks of labor scant,
And sees the laggard hand of want.

Throw shadows on his chamber floor.

The children shout for joy, and cry " A merry Christman!" as they see The whitened clock of bush and tree, And the soft leathers in the sky. They know not why the lather's eye Is sad and heavy through the storm; They only know the fire is warm, And that the skating time is nigh. And he to whom they look for bread Is filled with many doubts and tears, For in the howling wind be hears Of days that must be idly led. And little ones must still be ted,

Though work be scarce and winter long; And though the willing hands be strong. They cannot thaw earth's from bed. To some, with what an iron grip Thou holdest many a silent lip, That cannot words of gladness say!

That cannot words of gladness say!

Then, while we feel thy brightness, may

We feel for those whose hearts are full Ot bitters e s, that has no lull

Till winter days are gone away! ITEMS OF INTEREST.

United States Senator Jones, the Nevada millionaire, is English. A clock pendulum is bound to keep time if it has to swing for it.

A great deal of the medicine used nowadays is vial stuff—Yonkers Statesman.

A competing hotel out West says generously of another that "it stands without arrival."

amusement, uninterrupted work be-comes intolerable. There are and must be differences in the modes of enjoyment, but there is a common womanhood." Miss Payne, of St. Paul, became a se-cret smoker. When two gentlemen called she hurriedly thrust a lighted cigarette into her pocket, and was soon ablaze, receiving burns that were almost

The Yonkers Gasette says: "Every person in the State of New York who plants shade trees along the public highway is entitled to an abatement of his tax at the rate of twenty-five cents per tree. We believe this fact is not generally known."

FOR THE PAIR SEX.

offs of bead work are worn over ed ruffles cut in points on the edg

Collars are matie of point d'esprit lace, and orramented with loops of white atin ribbons and a bunch of white mar-uerites low down at one side.

Humming-birds are arranged around bonnets in such a way as to seem to play hide-and-seek in and out of a feather. Sometimes several birds are grouped around a bow, and seem to peck at it.

The proper handkerchief to carry with a dress trimmed with Oriental cashmere is of lines lawn, with a colored foulard hem having plate leaves in many colors stamped on a bire and black ground. Fur borders are placed around the lower edge of dress skirts by some dress-makers. A very narrow silk plaiting is tacked on in such a way as to partly reveal itself below the fur, but the effect is rather odd than pretty.

for the engagement ring, despite the sig-nificance with which the pearl, the ruby and the emerald are poetically invested; and the massive gold ring is that used in the bridal.

A new trimming is a feather fabric in-terwoven with small feathers of exotic birds in brilliant colors, gilded and bril-liant in effect. It is intended for waist-coats, plastrons and cuffs of both velvet and satin dresses. The effect surpasses that of the most beautiful embroidery.

were if family, and is about the size of the German marten; it takes four or five skins to make an ordinary-sized muff. The best and darkest of these little animals are found in Russian Lapland, Yakootsk and Yenesei. Very few of these skins ever leave Russia, where they are almost monopolized by the imperial family and the nobility. A muff and bon of "crown" Russian sable will bring from \$300;0 \$550. The exclusive beauty of this tur is its rich colors, a deep brown and a jet black, with points of hair tipped with white; the lairs are no fixed in the skin that they can be brushed either way, and will lie nicely. The Russian satic is never made un into corments in any openatory except Chins

"The Simplicity" is not a very happy name for a society. The members rule a great risk of being called simpletons Still the members of the Simplicity Society in Lapsic are much more sensible than simple. They are ladies, and they have sworn an awful oath—at least it is form to these patterns in working for the members at the society.—D. trott Free

A Inculiar People.

probable condition of the Anglo-Saxon race on or about the first of January, 800 A. D., will not overlook a few of the salient features which have grown up over the all baneed age of the Mongolian dynastly. Just think of it. There is not a road in all of the broad expanse of populous China where even a wheel-barrow could be driven or a horse led except around Shanghai, and here the English have constructed them. They have no cometeries; no tombstones mark and honor their last resting piaces on could. Those who own private gargardens or picts of ground lay the non-of the dead intrough boxes on the sur-face of open fields. The Chinese regard the souls of their ancestry as links in the length of a great chain which the say enables them to reach up to the sources of life and raiser of

they have a periest, rigidly enforced system of law and order. The principals alone can plead their cases. The principal solution of law and order. The principal solution of their coinal rank in China can only be attained by literary merit. All Chinamen tool and write, because odnestion is computatory. Every man in China is free to compute for a literary degree, and hast year 107,000 candidates for this honor were entered at Canten for examination. These of this large manber who peaced nuster here are free again to advance to the higher sational grade competition at Pekin anemally held there, and when they pass this or deal they become Mandarius and live in high estate at the public extense. No military man is permitted to aspire to military man is permitted to aspire to three literary homors in China. This annual selection from the whole Chinase people of ith rulers who represent its best thought and merical power has probably been the great and poken inches of their remarkable vitality and preservation as aution, but at the same limit in fractures the wonder that they are and account of the man and account of the man progress for the man and standard the man and account of t

lours. Many wounded officers, inch. Bellevian General Villagus, were dal-

NEWS SUMMARY Eastern and Middle States

The annual report of the New York Con and Histon river railroad company so that the constal stock of the company in I 428,500. The trinded debt remains as it

The Contiest of Pure.

The skin of mustels nibeline, known as the Russian sable, is the most expensive fur sold. The sibeline is of the wessel family, and is about the size of The formal opening of the Boston He formal opening of the Boston He Tunnel and Western railway was celebr North Adams, Mass., by a banquet, was attended by about two hundred mostly railroad men.

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